

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 243

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Daniel Bowen, 2001
Valedictorian of Gateway Christian Schools.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and tireless commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bowen is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Gateway Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unwavering commitment of time and talent, Daniel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Daniel Bowen has earned an exemplary grade point average at both the Southern Baptist Educational Center (S.B.E.C.), which he attended for over two years and Gateway Christian Schools; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bowen's dedication and commitment to excellence has earned him listing in *Who's Who in American High School Students*, S.B.E.C.'s "Turning Point" Award, and scholarship offers totaling \$65,896; and

WHEREAS, Talented in the theatrical arts, Daniel has been a valuable participant in numerous theater organizations and programs at S.B.E.C.; he was a member of the Drama Club and "Turning Point," which he served as a vocalist, arranger, and an accompanist as well as co-coordinator, accompanist, and technical engineer for "Turning Point's" dinner theater, "Be Our Guest"; and he was a founding member, pianist, and director of the S.B.E.C. Chapel Praise Band; and

WHEREAS, At S.B.E.C., he was a vital part of the school's theatrical efforts, serving as co-technical and technical manager for the school's sound and lights at all chapels, home sporting events and pep-rallies; computer technical assistant for the Systems Administrator; audio director for *Meet Me in St. Louis*; technical director for *The Sound of Music*; technical director and co-practice accompanist for *The Wizard of Oz*; technical advisor for *Annie Junior*; and accompanist and actor in two short dramas for the S.B.E.C. Fine Arts Festival; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bowen has played an intricate role in many significant ceremonial events at S.B.E.C., serving as the audio/video engineer and the dinner music entertainment for S.B.E.C.'s Junior/Senior Banquet, the audio/video and audio engineer and accompanist for S.B.E.C.'s Senior Banquet, and the accompanist and technical engineer for the Baccalaureate Service and Graduation Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bowen has given of his time and lent his extraordinary theatrical abilities to many community programs and churches, serving as an accompanist, arranger, vocal coach, and sound engineer for "Holy Light"; keyboardist for "Crossroad"; keyboardist for youth services and accompanist for youth choir at Labelle Haven Baptist Church; keyboardist, arranger, score-master, technical advisor, score editor for Ovilla Road Christian School play, *David and Goliath in Cowtown*; technical consultant for Ovilla Road Baptist Church; fill-in pianist

for Grace Church of the Nazarene; fill-in worship leader for Christ Community Church; keyboardist, arranger, and vocalist for Christ Community Church; pianist, vocalist, arranger, and associate director for the Highway Holiness Church's Christmas Musical; and vocalist in Christ Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Daniel has also distinguished himself as the studio pianist and instrumental parts arranger for James Alan Hill's upcoming album, "Give it Up"; and

WHEREAS, A deeply spiritual individual, he has attended the Bethlehem Conference for Pastors in Minneapolis and "Worship Together" in Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bowen's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at S.B.E.C. and Gateway Christian Schools surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Bowen's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ann and Don Bowen, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Daniel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Gateway Christian School's Valedictorian, Daniel Bowen, commend him on his impressive academic and theatrical achievements, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.